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Good Afternoon,

Chris Roper here from North Pender Island.

I have a lot of concerns with the wordage in the Draft Trust Policy Statement. I have been seeing a continual erosion of the Preserve & Protect emphasis on and concerning Pender island. It is time to move the Preserve and Protect mandate back on the top of the action item list in the new Trust Policy. This is essential.

I purchased my 10 acre parcel on North Pender in 1970. The 400 acre parcel was to be subdivided into 1400 x 1/4 acre lots but the NDP said no and the Trust was born. The subdivision went from 1600 x 1/4 acre lots to 40 x 20 acre lots plus well had to be included that produced min 1.5 gpm. They did the right thing then and I am hopeful you can get back on the right track and do the right thing now.

Pender Island is very close to or has already passed its ability to provide enough water to flush all the toilets on any given day at the end of August, there is just not enough water reserve. More Wells are going dry earlier and more saltwater intrusion is occurring. Bulk water is already being ferried to the island.

The water pull continues to worsen and crews on North Pender are today building the 3rd largest home in BC on Razor Point. 12,000 sq ft + 2000 sq ft guest house.

Do the right thing and focus on protecting what is left because next year may well be too late.

Seriously concerned,

Chris Roper
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